

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;  
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;  
Mark Acton;  
Ruth Y. Goldway; and  
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices  
Global Plus 1C Contracts (MC2012-6)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2014-45

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued April 20, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire April 25, 2015.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service filed a motion requesting that the Commission extend the Existing Agreement to the day prior to the date of any change in the non-discounted published postage for International Priority Airmail (IPA), International Surface Air Lift (ISAL), Global Express Guaranteed (GXG),

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 2066, Order Approving Additional Global Plus 1C Negotiated Service Agreement, April 24, 2014; see also Order No. 2375, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief and Approving Modification Two Extending Expiration Date, March 2, 2015.

Priority Mail Express International (PMEI), and/or Priority Mail International (PMI).<sup>2</sup> A modification to the Existing Agreement revising the expiration date as described above was submitted by the Postal Service as Attachment 1.

The parties expect to file a successor agreement and intend for its effective date to be the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products, approved in Docket No. CP2015-33, go into effect. Motion at 1-2. In order to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement, the Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension until the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products go into effect. *Id.* at 2.

The Postal Service originally planned to implement changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products on April 26, 2015.<sup>3</sup> On March 31, 2015, the Postal Service announced its intent to delay implementation of those rates “for all affected market dominant and competitive products when it submits revised rates for Standard Mail, Periodicals, and Package Services in response to Order No. 2398.”<sup>4</sup> In an April 16, 2015, filing the Postal Service notified the Commission of its intent to implement revised prices on May 31, 2015.<sup>5</sup>

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement will expire on May 30, 2015, or the day prior to the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products go into effect, whichever occurs first. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

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<sup>2</sup> Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief and Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Three to a Global Plus 1C Negotiated Service Agreement, April 16, 2015 (Motion).

<sup>3</sup> See Docket No. CP2015-33, Order No. 2366, Order Approving Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, February 25, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> Docket Nos. R2015-4 and CP2015-33, Notice of the United States Postal Service of Delayed Implementation of First-Class Mail, Special Services, and Competitive Prices, March 31, 2015, at 2. The Commission subsequently approved such delayed implementation. Docket No. CP2015-33, Order No. 2427, Order Amending Order No. 2366, April 7, 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Docket No. R2015-4, Response of the United States Postal Service to Order No. 2398, April 16, 2015, at 3.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed April 16, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire May 30, 2015, or the day prior to the date the changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products go into effect, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary